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APPLICATION OF: Lukic :
SERIAL NO.: 08/346,066 : Examiner: D. Dudash
FILED: November 29, 1994 : Art Unit: 1112
FOR: STENT WITH A COVERING LAYER :
OF ELASTIC MATERIAL AND METHODS :
FOR APPLYING THE LAYER ON THE STENT :

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office communication dated 3/30/95
(paper no.5), please make the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

claim 9 (amended): A method for applying a covering
layer to a stent comprising:

radially contracting the stent;

coating the inner surface of a tube with a lifting
medium;

inserting at least a portion of the contracted
stent into [a] the tube [the inner surface of which has been
previously done over with a lifting medium];